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LOK SABHA

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SATELLITE PHONE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Satellite Phones have been provided in some areas where there is no facility of communication; and

(b) if so, the criteria behind providing satellite phones and the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. 327 INMARSAT Mini- M Satellite Terminals are working as Village Public Telephones (VPTs) on INMARSAT satellite. These are being deployed in the most remote and isolated areas of the country in J&K, North East and Andaman & Nicobar Islands etc. where no other terrestrial technology is feasible.